

Remarks

The Advisory Action mailed May 13, 2010 indicates that the claim amendments filed April 19, 2010 will not be entered for the reasons given by the Examiner. It is expected that those amendments will now be entered in view of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) submitted concurrently herewith.

Furthermore, in order to address the Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action that amended claim 9 raises issues under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, this claim has now been further amended to avoid those issues, by indicating that it is the sterilized fermented product that is mixed with cereal flour for bread to prepare dough. This is supported by the specification in general, and more specifically by, for example, the disclosure in the paragraph bridging pages 20-21 of the specification.

Applicants take the position that in view of the entry of the amendments filed April 19, 2010, as clarified by the current amendment to claim 9, the presently claimed invention is clearly patentable over the references applied by the Examiner in rejecting the claims, for the reasons given on pages 3-5 of the amendment filed April 19, 2010, which are expressly incorporated herein. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art rejection should be withdrawn, placing the application in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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